UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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:Crim. No. 98-615 (DMC)

**IOANNIS TZOVELAS** 

: CONTINUANCE ORDER

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Paul J. Fishman, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Mala Ahuja Harker, Assistant U.S. Attorney), and defendant Ioannis Tzovelas (by Kevin Carlucci, Esq.) for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter for a period of 90 days to allow the parties to conduct plea negotiations and attempt to finalize a plea agreement, and no continuances having previously been granted by the Court pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7)(A), so that the parties could attempt to resolve the matter and thereby avoid a possible trial, and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter tried within seventy days of the date of his arraignment pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(b), and the defendant having consented to the continuance and waived such right, and for good cause

It IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

(1) Plea negotiations are currently in progress, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time to negotiate a plea agreement, which would render a trial of this matter unnecessary;

(2) Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

IT IS, therefore, on this / 3 day of March 2012,

ORDERED that this action be, and it hereby is, continued for a period of 90 days from March 12, 2012 through and including June 10, 2012; and it is further

ORDERED that the period from March 12, 2012 through and including June 10, 2012 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.

HONORABLE DENNIS M. CAYANAUGH UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Form and entry consented to:

Mala Ahuja Harker Assistant U.S. Attorney

Kevin Carlucci, Esq.

Counsel for defendant Ioannis Tzovelas